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SUBJ: VISIT OF DUTCH DEFMIN VREDELING-AUGUST 22, 1973

REF: THE HAGUE 3626

1. BASED ON MY CONTACTS I FULLY SUPPORT EMPHASIS DUTCH MOD
ATTACHED TO DUTCH DEFMIN VREDELING'S
VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN TERMS OF ENABLING
VREDELING TO STAND UP FOR A RESPONSIBLE NETHERLANDS' DEFENSE
POLICY IN DUTCH CABINET DEBATES. I RECOMMEND IN PARTICULAR
THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PRESS VREDELING VERY
HARD ON IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO NETHERLANDS' GOVERNMENT
FULLFILLING DEFENSE COMMITMENTS. VREDELING IS OBVIOUSLY UNDER
GREAT PRESSURES TO TRIM BACK THE DUTCH DEFENSE EFFORT AND I
BELIEVE THAT STRONG COUNTERPPRESSURES FROM THE U.S. IS CALLED
FOR IN THIS SITUATION. HE SHOULD BE LEFT, IN MY JUDGMENT,
WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT ANY RELAXATION OF THE NETHERLANDS'
DEFENSE EFFORT WOULD BE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S.
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AND WOULD WEAKEN ALLIANCE CONVENTION DEFENSES. RUMSFELD

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